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SUBJECT: ANNA CHENNAULT PARTICIPATION IN PHILIPPINE AVIATION
WEEK

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1. PHILIPPINE AVIATION WEEK ORGANIZERS AND EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME PARTICIPATION BY MRS. CHENNAULT AS U. S. REPRESENTATIVE AT OPENING CEREMONIES SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 0800, AT MANILA RIZAL PARK. THEY WOULD PARTICULARLY APPRECIATE MESSAGE OF GREETING FROM PRESIDENT NIXON IF THIS COULD BE CONVEYED BY MRS. CHENNAULT. CAA DEPUTY DIRECTOR REYMUNDO, OVERALL COORDINATOR FOR AVIATION WEEK, STRESSED URGENT NEED FOR IMMEDIATE DECISION AND CONFIRMATION TO ORGANIZING COMMITTEE THAT SHE WOULD BE PRESENT. EMBOFF STRESSED TENTATIVE AND EXPLORATORY NATURE OF OUR INQUIRY AND THE FACT THAT WE NOT SURE SHE WOULD BE ABLE ATTEND.

2. EXEC SECY MELCHOR AND EDUCATION SECRETARY MANUEL ARE SCHEDULED ADDRESS OPENING CEREMONIES FOLLOWING EARLY MORNING MASS AND FLYOVER. OTHER FUNCTIONS DURING MORNING WILL INCLUDE USN AND PAF RESCUE DEMONSTRATIONS
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AND SKYDIVING.

3. AT NOON AEROSPACE ASSOCIATION OF PHILIPPINES WILL HOST LUNCH WITH SAME GOP CABINET OFFICIALS AND OTHER DIGNITARIES AT ARMY AND NAVY CLUB. REYMUNDO STATES MRS. CHENNAULT WOULD OF COURSE BE INVIED TO LUNCHEON. IF SHE DESIRES ATTEND WE WILL ASCERTAIN IF SHE SHOULD BE PREPARED MAKE BRIEF REMARKS OR TAOSE AT LUNCHEON.

4. ONLY OTHER OCCASION DURING WEEK MENTIONED BY REYMUNDO AS APPROPRIATE FOR MRS. CHENNAULT TO ATTEND AS U. S. REP WOULD BE CLOSING CEREMONY MAY 5 AT MACTAN (CEBU). HE SAID THIS WOULD HOWEVER HAVE O BE COORDINATED WITH POANNING BEING DONE BY CEBU COMMITTEE. IT CLEAR THAT THIS WOULD BE FAR LESS DESIRABLE THAN OPENING CEREMONT AT MANILA FOR U. S. REP PARTICIPATION.

5. INFORMED OF POSSI LE VISIT, SECRETARY MELCHOR CONCURRED THAT MRS. CHENNAULT WOULD, INDEED, BE MOST WELCOME, THOUGH HE NOTED THAT WITH A NUMBER OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS REMAINING OVER IN MANILA AFTER ADB MEETING NOT ALL TOP LEVEL GOP ATTENTION WOULD BE TURNED TO AVIATION WEEK ON ITS OPENING DAY.

6. REQUEST EARLIEST POSSIBLE NOTIFICATION OF DECISION IN ORDER INFORM AVIATION WEEK COMMITTEE.
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